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TO: S/S - Mr. Fisher Howe
FROM: NEA - William M. Rountree
SUBJECT: Briefing Papers for King Saud's Visit

Attached for your use is a proposed list of briefing papers for the meetings which the President and the Secretary will have with King Saud of Saudi Arabia during the forthcoming State visit, January 30-February 1.

We have designated those officers who will be responsible for the drafting of these papers and they have been informally approached by NEA.

The attached preliminary list of papers is not intended to indicate agenda items and will be modified as planning continues.

Attachment:

Proposed List of Briefing Papers.

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BRIEFING PAPERS FOR KING SAUD'S VISIT

Subject

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Mr. Burdett

~~15~~ Communist Threat to Middle East

Mr. Burdett

Arab League's Position on Suez Canal

Mr. Shaw

Future Arab Relations with U.K. and France

Mr. Sherwood

U.S. Interests in Saudi Arabia

Economic Relationships Between Middle East and West

Petroleum Production

Mr. Shaw; Mr. Beckner

Petroleum Transit

Mr. Shaw; Mr. Beckner

Arab-Israel Problem (Long Range)

Mr. Bergus

Implementation of UN Cease-Fire Resolutions

Mr. Bergus; Mr. Gamon

Gaza

Tiran and Sanafir

UNEF

Saudi Arabian Restrictions on U.S. Citizens of
the Jewish Faith

Mr. Newsom

Saudi Attitude Toward Israel

Mr. Newsom

Future Relations Between Egypt and the West

Mr. Rice

Internal Situation in Syria

Mr. Waggoner

Internal Situation in Jordan

Mr. Bergus

Iraqi-Saudi Arabian Relations

Mr. Newsom

Baghdad Pact

Mr. Memminger

Dhahran Airfield

Mr. Newsom; Defense

Arms for Saudi Arabia

Mr. Newsom; Defense

Saudi Arabian Economic Development

Mr. Shaw

Situation in Yemen

Mr. Sherwood

Persian Gulf Problems

Mr. Newsom

Kuwait

Bahrain

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Saudi Arabian Lend Lease Silver Obligation

LL - Mr. Murphy

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Background Papers

Recent Letters Between King and President

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Inter-Arab Rivalries

Mr. Newsom

U.S. Interests in Saudi Arabia

Mr. Newsom

Establishment of the House of Saud

Mr. Newsom

King Saud and His Court

DRN - Ogburn

Arab Military Alliances

DRN

Text of Baghdad Pact

Mr. Memminger

Text of Dhahran Airfield Agreement

Mr. Newsom

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visit wide publicity to all interested parties.
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operating the airport, a military group, and on the purchase of arms. We are avoiding any reference to "retail" for use of the airport, stressing the mutual benefits of the agreement. (END CONFIDENTIAL)

(UNCLASSIFIED) The Saudi Arabian party will be a group of 6. Only a part of the group are to be accompanied as guests. A list of persons expected in the party is attached for identification only. It is not the final or complete list. (END UNCLASSIFIED)

(CONFIDENTIAL) In view of our U.S. practice of giving only modest gifts on the occasion of state visits, we have suggested to the Saudi Government that in place of the lavish gifts which are customary to the Saudi Government on such occasions, the King make some kind of a national exchange or of 100,000 Saudi Eastern studies to the U.S. The Saudis have been receptive to the idea of an educational grant, but have also indicated reluctance to forego their customary procedure concerning gifts.

III. U.S. POLICY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Department wishes to obtain the maximum efficiency for the visit throughout Arab countries to demonstrate the close and friendly relations between the U.S. and Saudi Arabia. The King personally and consistently and firmly opposed Communism. He has refused to establish diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union or any Communist state and has so far refused offers of arms from the Soviet Union despite urgings from Egypt and probably from Syria as well. He has our territorial disputes with the United Kingdom and in disputes of other Arab states with the UK he has followed and urged others to follow policies of moderation.

We wish to further, wherever it can be accomplished, the growth of closer relations between Saudi Arabia and Egypt. Their mutual community of outlook on the two oil producing Arab states is exemplified by opposition to Communism and a more realistic attitude toward relations with the nations of Europe who provide their only market for oil. The same considerations also dampen enthusiasm for the disruptive policies and tactics of Nasser. We wish to encourage continued adherence by the Saudi Government to moderate and constructive policies, freed from the destructive aspects of emotional nationalism exemplified by Nasser.

The King has exerted efforts without publicity to encourage moderate policies on the part of Nasser and he is known to have certain reservations concerning present GCE policies. He has avoided any public indication of disagreement with Nasser. It must be remembered he is dependent upon Egypt for technical and educational assistance. Also in the interests of Arab unity he has avoided public disagreements with Egypt. It would not be in the long-term interests of stability in Saudi Arabia or in U.S. Saudi relations to contribute to public discord between Egypt and Saudi Arabia, and we do not wish to use the Saudi visit in any way as a vehicle for an open attack on Nasser.

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III. SPECIAL POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS

(CONFIDENTIAL) There may be public demonstrations against the visit in the U.S. by Zionist and other groups favorable to Israel. On religious grounds the Saudi Government has refused for centuries to permit persons of Jewish faith to enter the country. The restriction is applied to U.S. Airforce personnel serving in Saudi Arabia. (Note that the restriction is applied by the S/G, not by the USG). The Saudi Government has also expressed its conviction that the state of Israel represents a menace to the security of Saudi Arabia and the other Arab states.

The Arabian-American Oil Company (ARAMCO) naturally has a very keen interest in the visit and will participate in various functions in connection with the visit and will extend hospitality to the King's party during the unofficial portion of the visit. But it should be made clear that the U.S. Government is the host during the official portion of the visit.

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Attachment:

List of persons in Saudi Arabian party

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SAUDI PARTY

1. His Majesty King Saud.
2. HRH Prince Mohamed Bin Saud Al-Kabir.
3. HRH Prince Musaad Bin Abdul Rahman, Chief of Royal Diwan of Complaints.
4. HRH Prince Fahad Bin Saud, Minister of Defense.
5. HRH Prince Mohamed Bin Saud.
6. HRH Prince Mashur Bin Saud.
7. HRH Prince Mohamed Bin Turki, royal intimate.
8. HE Abdulah Al-Khayyal, Saudi Arabian Ambassador to the United States.
9. HE Yusuf Yasin, Royal Counselor and Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs.
10. HE Khalid Abu Al-Walid, Royal Counselor.
11. HE Mohamed Surur, Royal Counselor and Minister of Finance.
12. HE Jamal Al-Hussaini, Royal Counselor.
13. HE Abdul Rahman Azzam, legal advisor.
14. HE Abdalla Al-Saadun, Royal intimate.
15. Major General Ibrahim Al-Fassan, acting Chief of Staff and Director General of Civil Aviation.
16. HE Abdul Moneim Mustafa, legal advisor.
17. HE Mohamed Bin Dogaithir, Chief of Royal Diwan Communications.
18. HE Abdallah Balkhair, Director General of Press, Broadcasting and Publications.

*Members of official party only.

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